THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) Government have granted authorisation to market Motor Spirit (MS) and High Speed Diesel (HSD) in favour of M/s. Reliance Petroleum Limited (RPL) as per the guidelines laid down by the Government in the resolution dated 8th March, 2002. M/s. RPL has indicated the plan for setting up of 5,849 Retail Outlets (ROs) in different States of country. The company will set up these ROs as per their commercial considerations and no time limit has been- set for commissioning the same. However, the company is obliged to set up the ROs in remote and low service areas as per the requirement of Government guidelines.

Transportation of gas found by RIL in KG Basin

67. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) h«ve rejected GAIL's offer to build pipeline grid to transport and market the company's recent gas find in Krishna-Godavari (KG) Basin;

(b) if so, the details of plan for transportation by Reliance; and

(c) the action proposed for a joint venture to ensure better development in the National interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) No such offer has been made by GAIL (India) Limited to M/s Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL). However, M/s Gas Transportation and Infrastructure Company Limited a company promoted by M/s RIL, propose to lay gas pipeline from Kakinada-Hyderabad-Goa for which process of acquisition of land under Petroleum & Mineral Pipeline (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962 is on.

(c) No such proposal is presently under consideration of the Government.